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Tokyo, September 22d, 1938.

I hasten to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of September 19th, 1938, transmitting the invitation, provided for by the first sentence of Article 17 of the Covenant, which has been addressed to the Imperial Government by the Council of the League of Nations. The Imperial Government is firmly convinced that means such as those laid down in the Covenant cannot provide a just and adequate solution of the present conflict between Japan and China, and its attitude in this connection has been clearly stated on many occasions. I have therefore the honour to inform you that, for this reason, the Imperial Government regrets its inability to accept the Council's invitation.

K. UGAKI

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